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To: Food and Drug Administration  
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Friends of the Bitterroot is a conservation organization located in the Bitterroot Valley in Western Montana. Our group has several hundred members.

The members of Friends of the Bitterroot are concerned about the health and environmental impacts of irradiated foods and will be adversely affected if the unknowingly eat or feed their children irradiated foods.

Irradiation in the production, processing, or handling of food is an important issue. The consumer needs to be able to choose if they want to be exposed to this process, given that the long term potential harm is not understood.

The meaning of a radiation disclosure statement must be clear to all consumers. If a logo is used, the meaning must be clearly posted in each location irradiated foods are sold.

The consumer needs to be able to make a well-informed decision if they want to buy irradiated foods or not. This radiation disclosure statement should not expire.

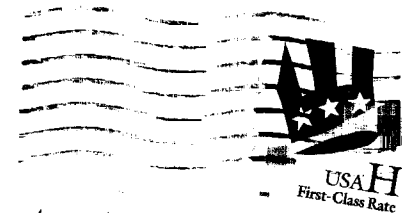
Sincerely,

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